

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Evelyn Cruz, as she offers her talents and community services for the good of our local communities.

Mr. Speaker, Evelyn Cruz's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

DANA REEVE

HON. SHERROD BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dana Reeve, who lost her battle to cancer yesterday at the age of 44.

Like her husband, Christopher, Dana will be remembered for her resilience and courage in the face of adversity.

Dana stood by her husband as he fought for his life, working as a tireless advocate for increased funding to find the key to reversing paralysis.

Through the Christopher Reeve Foundation they created together, Chris and Dana moved the science forward and brought hope to 2 million paralyzed Americans and their families.

After Christopher's death in 2004, Dana skillfully led the foundation where she established Quality of Life initiatives to improve the day-to-day lives of paralyzed people. She founded the Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Resource Center.

Though her life was much too short, Dana left an indelible mark on this world. Her grace and personal strength are an inspiration to us all.

A TRIBUTE TO ESTER E.
WATERMAN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ester E. Waterman, a distin-

guished member of the Brooklyn community. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her impressive accomplishments.

Ester E. Waterman is the daughter of Joseph and Mavis Waterman. Ms. Waterman was born in Trinidad W.I. and spent her childhood in San Fernando, Trinidad. In 1970, Ms. Waterman migrated to the United States where she attended Erasmus High School. Upon high school graduation, Ms. Waterman was accepted to New York University. A tireless and devoted undergraduate, Ms. Waterman worked her way through college and graduated with a degree in Computer Science. Her professional experience includes American Express, Alexander & Alexander Benefit Services and AON Consulting Company.

Today Ester E. Waterman is an active community resident of Brooklyn, New York and an inspiration to those around her. She is deeply committed to her love for children and learning. In 1998 Ms. Waterman fulfilled her community's need for a childcare service when she established "Loving Arms Learning Day Care Center."

Community members and leaders alike have praised Ms. Waterman's work. The Caribbean American International Child Care Network Inc. & United Family Services Inc. recognized Ms. Waterman in 2002 for her work and dedication to children. In 2004 Council Member Leroy Comrie awarded Ms. Waterman with the New York City Council Citation for Child Care and in 2005 Senator Nick Perry presented her with the New York State Assembly Certificate of Merit.

Mr. Speaker. Ms. Waterman continues to dedicate her time to the people and children of Brooklyn. She has truly made a strong positive impact on the community and for that I ask that we recognize and give thanks to Ester E. Waterman for her wonderful contribution to our community.

A TRIBUTE TO JULIA L. JAMES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Julia L. James, a distinguished

member of the Brooklyn community. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her impressive accomplishments.

Julia L. James is an active community resident of Brooklyn, New York. Over the past several years, she has devoted her time and energies to improving the quality of life in her community. Ms. James is a member of New York City Community Board No. 17, where she serves as the chair of the Social Services Committee. She also serves on the boards of Beulah Community Housing Development Corporation and the Wyckoff Museum Advisory Board. Ms. James was also invited to serve on the board of Protestant Board of Guardians, Inc., a 40-year-old organization. For 8 years, Ms. James contributed her talents and abilities to the community as a member of Community School Board No. 18, including her tenure as a past president.

Julia L. James is the daughter of Rev. Henry R. and Ruth James and was born on the Island of the Commonwealth of Dominica. Ms. James is a Certified Public Accountant, licensed in the State of New York, and a Certified Management Accountant. She earned her undergraduate degree from Baruch College and her graduate degree from the Leonard Stern School of Business at New York University. Her professional experience includes Ernst & Young and Deloitte.

Ms. James is an active member of the Beulah Church of the Nazarene where she serves as a musician. She was instrumental in the creation of the Church's Housing Development Corporation, which seeks to encourage home ownership among members and community residents.

Ms. James has worked actively on the political campaigns of many individuals seeking to improve the quality of life for Brooklyn residents. With the help of God, Julia L. James strives to be a "woman who dares to be different."

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Julia L. James, as she offers her talents to our local communities.